

Call To Worship: Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time forth and for evermore. From the
rising of the sun to its setting the name of the
Lord is to be praised.

Call to Confession: Why are we gathered at this
place at this hour? We are gathered as the people
of God, to come to know and serve and praise him as
he is seen in Jesus Christ and made known by the
Holy Spirit. Then let us acknowledge the God before
whom we stand, and let us confess our sins to him,
Let us pray:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon: Ask and it will be given, seek
and you will find, knock and it will be opened, for
to everyone who asks it will be given; ~~xxx~~ and to
who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it is
opened, and to he who confesses his sin ~~in~~ the
Lord forgives. Amen.

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TRINITY CHARGE--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ralph C. Link, Pastor
 Trinity Church, New Bloomfield 9:00 A.M.
 Christ Church, Duncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP November 7, 1971

The Organ Prelude

*The Hymn of Praise 324

*The Call to Worship

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We beseech thee, O God, to broaden our vision and deepen our commitment. Take our eyes away from ourselves and our own interests and help us to see the needs of others and the conditions of life which they face.

Bring us into the inner city. Help us to see the squalor of the slums, the underfed and frightened children, the bitter and rebellious youth, the frustrated and bewildered parents, the old ones who impatiently wait to welcome death's relief. Revive within us the spirit of him who served the poor, the lonely, the fearful, even Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*The Kyrie

*The Assurance of Pardon

The Scripture-----Isaiah 42:1-9
 Galatians 6:1-10

*The Gloria Patri

Anthem (Trinity)

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology

*The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer

The Hymn of Meditation 256

The Sermon-----"Who Are You?"

The Sermon Prayer

*The Hymn of Response 250

*The Benediction

*The Threefold Amen

*The Postlude

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We express our thanks to the youth for planning, preparing and leading our worship service last Sunday. Those who participated were: Gary Liddick, Dale Link, Gary Smith, and Carol Steele.

Confirmation Class is being held each Friday at 4:15 P.M. in the church in New Bloomfield.
 IF OTHERS INTERESTED LET ME KNOW.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Advent wreath fellowship next Sunday Nov. 14th at 2:00 P.M. GREENS NEEDED, WREATH PER FAM. PRICE 75-1.00

The Mite Society will meet on Thurs. Nov. 11th at 2:00 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Simonton.

Thank Offering Service will be held Nov. 21st. Thank Offering envelopes are on the table in the back of the church. May we all contribute to this worthy cause. We all have much to give thanks for.

Mrs. Verna Magee completed her earthly life on Friday Nov. 5th. Her funeral will be held from the Green Funeral Home on Tues. Nov. 9th. AT 2:00 P.M.
 FRIENDS MAY CALL AT THE FUNERAL HOME MONDAY EVEN 7 TO 9 P.M.
 CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consistory will meet tomorrow night at 7:30.
 HEIMELBERG ~~THUR~~ ~~7:30~~ NEXT TUESDAY 7:30.
 The Family Advent Wreath fellowship will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Nov. 21st. DECORATE TREE, GREENS NEEDED, WREATH PER FAMILY. PRICE 75-1.00.

The flowers on our chancel are from the funeral of Florence Eads.

The Women's Guild Joint Meeting will be held Tues. Nov. 16th at 7:30 P.M.

ON 21ST ORGAN REORGANIZING DURING WORSHIP. ORGAN REORGAN 7:30 EVENING.
 NEXT SUNDAY
 KIAN ED. COUNCIL WILL MEET AFTER WORSHIP.

"Who Are You?"

Text: Galatians 6; 7 & 8. "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the spirit will from the spirit reap eternal life."

Before I begin, perhaps I should preface this message with a few remarks. At the last consistory meeting, we discussed the finances of the church. I asked for and received permission to devote two services to the cause of stewardship. In other words I am going to speak about money matters. This was not an impetuous decision by the consistory, nor by me. We had talked of finances at several meetings before we reached this stage. So briefly let me state that I am not making apologies for the message, but what I am saying is that perhaps during this sermon and the sermon of next week, I may say some things that may hit home to a lot of us. This is unavoidable with messages such as these. Please believe me when I say that I am not pointing the finger at anyone, because I do not know the record of your stewardship personally. But what I ask of you is this, to please hear me out, and look at your own stewardship in comparison. If you feel there is no need for change, then this is up to you. But if you feel that there is a need for change then may God so move you. Let us seek God's guidance in prayer.

If I were to ask you the question individually, "who are you?" I am sure I would get a variety of answers. The largest majority would be that I am Joe Jones or Susy Swanson or whatever our names happen to be. If I were to then ask you repeatedly who are you, I would have a list that would tell me you are a homemaker, a bookkeeper, a mechanic, a milkman and so on. If we continued to make a list, sooner or later you would say that you were a member of the United Church of Christ.

Carrying this imaginary questioning even further, ~~to the~~
I ask,
~~question,~~ "what is the United Church of Christ?", ~~the answer is that it is~~

other next week. ALSO LOOK AT WAYS OF GIVING NEXT WEEK. PERHAPS GIVE SOME A NEW VIEW POINT ON THIS.

CONCERN WITH HIS STOCKS & BONDS, HIS SECURITIES THAT HE HELD AS WELL AS THE MORTGAGES & CONTROL OVER OTHERS LIVES.

Paul sort of paraphrases this story with the admonition that, "He who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption; but he who sows to the spirit will from the spirit reap eternal life." Our duty as creatures of God, is to give of ourselves in his service. We are not here ^{IN THIS WORLD} merely to take up space and to over indulge ourselves in excesses of seeking our own pleasure and forgetting to do the things required of us. Jesus did not say that to be a follower of Him we must absolutely do away with all we have. But what he did say was to be a responsible steward of all we have. This includes our time, our talents and our treasure. The old three T's as they were called.

By being a responsible steward it means that we must decide how much time we will give to His service. Will 90% of our time be spent in furthering our fraternal life? Will we spend the majority of our time belonging to clubs and groups in which and from which we can derive pleasure? Or will we try to give more equally of our time to the service of our Saviour? Will we begin to realize that once and for all, all of the time that we are given to walk the face of this earth is given to us by the grace of God? Will we ever be thankful enough to Him to want to serve as loyally and faithfully as we should? Will we ever have the courage to step forward to ask how we can help, or will we just expect someone from the church to approach us and then find excuses for ^{NOT} serving?

By being a responsible steward it means that we must each take stock of ourselves and after we have done this, make known that we have certain talents that can be used in the service of God. Will we use them or will we try to hide them so we will not be called upon to serve?

By being responsible ^{STEWARDS} ~~servants~~ it means that we must learn to give of our money. This means giving in the true sense of the word. Not the token giving that many people give to the church. You know what I mean, the money we have left over after we have used all we need and want for our own pleasure. The money that we can spare after we have paid all of our other accounts. I was talking to a woman about church giving a short time ago and she said that what we need in the church today are more committed people

who bring their pay home and then take the first out of it for the Lord, and then the rest for our other uses. But she said what do we do? we arrange for payments on our fur coats, on our outboard motors, on our cars, on our television, on our clothing on our food and on everything else and then we decide to give something to the Lord. How much longer are ^{CHURCH MEMBERS} ~~we~~ going to nickle and dime our churches? ^{TO DEATH?} This may sound like a humorous phrase but it isn't. It is the truth if the facts were known about individual giving. We can spend all sorts of money on ourselves, but when it comes to the Lord and His work, we have all ^{SOME PEOPLE GIVING SAME TODAY AS 10, 20 YRS AGO. AFTER PROBLEM. GIVING BASED ON MEANS,} kinds of excuses. Let me hasten to add that I do not know what any of you give, nor do I want to know. Your gifts to the church are between you and God and the man who marks the accounts in the book after your name. I have never asked him what any of you give and he has never shown me the book, and that is the way it will remain as long as I am your pastor. But I am concerned with the giving of the congregation because we have had difficulty meeting our budget each year. This concern should belong to each of us. It should be so much a part of our thinking, that we each should want to look at new ways to reach the goals and the needs of the church. If this then means that we must change our thinking along certain lines, then this we must do. If it means that we need to give in a new or different way then this we must do.

(Illustration about kidding God.)

And the Apostle Paul also said this in another way; "Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that, he will also reap."

Perhaps then, to the question, "Who are you?", we should add
Who are you kidding?